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"No, from Philadelphia," returned Tad, and Joe began to regard him with a sort of respect; for Philadelphia, in the eyes of Blyport people, was one of the most wonderful cities in the whole world.

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CHAPTER V.—Cosmsum.
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Ten minutes later, as the "Mary J." seared the wharf, where half of the esidents of Bixport seemed to have issembled. Captain Flagg reappeared on deck in his go-ashore suit, consisting of a tall hat, a crumpled suit of navy-blue, and low-quartered shoes nighty polished. In a commanding oleo the Captain gave the necessary rders for bringing the schooner alongside the wharf. Down came the dingy sails, and a half-dozen pairs of hands were extended to catch the lines thrown from the deck. Enthusiastic thrown from the deck. Enthusiastic were the greetings extended to the ship's company, for the quiet of the little inland village had never been disturbed by the locomotive's scream or the sound of a steamer's puddies, and the arrival of the only sailing packet between Bixport and Boston was an event of considerable importance. There were en board at least three large boxes of dry good, a case of millinery, a hogshead of molasses, and

urree large loxes of dry good, a case of millinery, a hogshead of molasses, and other groceries in proportion, for Mr. Jones, the store-keeper: Mr. Allen, the minister, had a package of book? Zlas Nason, a new harness, and Deacon Whitney, a mowing-machine— the first of its kind ever seen in Bixport. Among those assembled on the wharf, Tad noticed a boy about his own age, dressed in a well-worn suit of tweed. He had eurly hair, a pair of very laughing blue eyes, a turn-up nose and a freekied face. Most promi-nent in voice and action was this youth, who, upon catching sight of Eph, per-ormed a shuffle suggestive of delight, unl in a very audible voice called out:

"Horray—three cheers for Ephraim Small,
First mate, second mate, crew and all!"
"That's my consin—Joe Whitney,"
hughed Polly, as Master Joe proceeded in eigorous particular to express unbounded joy at seeing Polly, who waved her hand in recognition.

Joe was the first to spring on board; and it was evident that Joe Whitney was a youth of considerable vivacity, to say the least. He slapped Captain Flagg familiarly on the shoulder, sa-

"I say, Polly," he exclaimed, "what a jolly little dog-only you over have him nauzzled-he looks savage!"

"There's some boys I know that wouldn't be worse if they were muz-sled," gravely observed Captain Flagy —rescuing Bounce from the hands of bis nephow, who was preparing to stand the small dog on his hind legs— though he tempered the severity of this hint by a slight internal chuckle, and a

wink of intense meaning. Not in that so, Uncle Jeth?" returned Joe, regarding Tad with a look of seeming apprehension. "He don't seem like one of that kind," added the youthful speaker, with affected inno-cence, as Captain Flagg turned away to hide a smile. to hide a smile.

cence, as Captain Flagg turned away to hide a smile.

"Oh, Joe Whitney, you're just as bad as ever," Polly exclaimed, despairingly; and then, remembering that the polite usages of society called for a formal introduction, she added:

"Joe, this is Tad Thorne—I hope you'll be ever so good friends."

"How are you, Tad?" said Joe, with a shy twinkle in his eye.

"How are you Joe?" awkwardly returned Tad, who didn't very well know what else to say, and, on the whole, rather fancying the easy, off-hand manner of Polly's cousin. But, then, every body liked Joe, as a general thing—even those Bixport people who insisted that if he was Deacon Whitney's son, he was the worst boy in the place.

Yet Joe's badness was nothing so very bad, after all. He was only one of those restless, fun-loving boys, who are never so well content as when they are in mischief; and neither the potential or the dinagroom, where Ted seated himself in a very uncompromising chair made to fit into a corner, and sitting on the extreme verge thereof, with his cap'held in both hands resting on his knees, glanced interestedly about him, while the tongues of the others wagged unfaggingly—if I may be allowed the expression.

He soon made up his mind that the inside of the little house was as delightfully quaint as its exterior. In the first place, an oak wainscoting ran around the walls nearly as high as Tad's should that if he was Deacon Whitney's son, he was the worst boy in the place.

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Tan't it nice that you're going home in her provide to being all forms, will do eath on the us?" said Polly, as the little party of three walked up the wharf, leaving doe swarming up the "Mary J.'s" cigging, three ratlines at a step.

Tad thought it was decidedly nice, mer?"

and his smiling face expressed more

growing green by the wayside, with cows—real live cowsi—feeding on it! Tad canght himself wondering what a country cow would do in a Philadelphia street—say Broad street, for example! And then, too, every thing was so quilet. Occasionally a farmwagon rolled leisurely by, or an excart, with a brown-faced man, in shirt-sleeves, sitting sideways on the carttongue, joited slowly along. Tad, who had never seen any oxen before, regarded them as a probable new and support or breed of cows.

knowed hisself, so he up and left, and she paying of him two dollars a week and beard!"

"I'd given him something mor'n a talking to," remarked Captain Flagg, emphatically, as he knocked the ashes from his pipe and rose to his feet. "I guess, Mary Jane," he continued, reaching for his hat, "I'll jest drift down to be a fait shipped any one, that's the very place for Tad." With which perior breed of cows.

"For this and all other mercies the Lord make us truly grateful," said Captain Flagg, reverently, as he took off his oil-skin hat, in which it was popularly believed he slept while voyaging over the main.

This was his invariable form of thanksgiving, as soon as Bixport wharf was sighted, and with its utterance Captain Flagg dove into the cabin, there to throw aside, with his scafaring the soon they would begin to throw out shoot and bud. Althere to throw aside, with his scafaring ready some bluebirds and a robin or more and cown the country denting the street, olent errand, while Mrs. Flagg, having finished clearing away the dinner them from view. Just now their them from view. Just now their finished clearing away the dinner of the afternoon.

Mearwhile, Tad and Polly were wantering about the premises, followed by Bonnee, who, being a city-reared puppy, seemed to find every thing as delightfully novel and strange as did the volcate, reaponsibilities of the country was so

perior breed of cows.

a mule intrace on scool the one store and post-office combined, then came the fown pump, the school-house, a small church with a square tower like a sentry-box, and then— "Our house," rapturously cried Pel-ly, and, dropping Bounce, who waddied along after her as fast as his short legs would carry him, she darted through an open gateway and up a trim gravel walk, and was directly afterward infolded in the motherly



stout like her husband, and beamed s genially upon Tad, through a pair of brass-bowed spectacles, a moment of toward her at once.

"Our house" was a funny little one-story building with what the Bixport story building with what the Bixport people call a "gambril roof," making it seem to an imaginative person as though it were shrudging its shoulders with its hands in its pockets. The windows were small with tiny panes of glass, and the front door, painted a lively pea-green, had a wonderfully bright brass kneeker in the center of the upper panel. There was a weatherbeaten barn at the rear, from whose poen doors issued flocks of noisy hens. Flagg familiarly on the shoulder, sa-luted the grinning George Washington while a number of doves "courood" m a most hilarious manner, and, rushing frantically aft, seized upon Bounce with a shout of jubilation.

on the roofs in the sunshine; the little door-yard was overgrown with syringa and lilae bushes, and the two or three and lilac bushes, and the two or three dilapidated flower-beds were bordered

with large clam-shells. this, because the Flaggs were some lit-tle time in cetting into the house, as at every few steps Mrs. Flagg had to stop-and speak of some bit of news, paren-thesizing the same by giving Polly a

hug.
Polly had certain Bostonian experiences to narrate—particularly the one Tad read, in a subdued voice; where Tad and Bounce were prominent, "Here hesand even Captain Flagg himself tarried on the doorstep a moment, to illustrate, by penciled diagram on the threshold, the whereabouts of the "Mary J." when it came on to blow heavy from the west'ard the first night

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perior breed of cows.

At little intervals along the street, olent strand, while Mrs. Flagg, having

shortest passages from the south, or began laying their plans for spring housekeeping. A little further on stood the one drawn by these horses, was running along in the direction of the one hotel locally called a "tahvern," which boasted of a reom where General Lafayette had slept. Thrice a week this antiquated vehicle made the journey between Bixport and Middleboro—a flourishing inland town, twenty miles distant-with the mails and an occi sional ventureson passenger. Farther down, at the end of the thoroughfare, the masts of the "Mary J." outlined themselves against the sky, and a glimpse of Bixport river, on its way to the ocean, could be seen.

"Tspose you've lived here ever since you were born," continued Tad, a lit-tle wistfully. To have been reared in peaceful home like this, with the lovng care of parents continually about the seemed to homeless, orphaned Tad the very highest happiness carth

Polly opened her eyes very wide

"Why—don't you know? How fun-ny?" she exclaimed, turning a wonder-ing face toward her companion.

As Tap hadn't the slightest concep-tion of her meaning, he shook his head

"Of course, you don't, though," said Polly, recollecting herself, "Come with me," she said, soberly, touching Tad on the arm; and, curious to know her meaning, he followed Polly through the gate, and across the street to what was locally known as the "meetin-house lot." Behind the little old weather-beaten wooden church, on either side of which stood a row of sol-

emn-looking poplars, was the village burying-ground, into which, to Tad's great wonderment, Polly silently led

legible letters, were the words: AGED 22. -Rilled by ye Indians. June ye 27, A. D. 1781." and like bushes, and the two or three dilapidated flower-beds were bordered with large clam-shells.

Tal had a good chance to notice all a plain white marble slab.

"Read it," briefly said Polly, in a

Awed by Polly's manner, as well as by the solemn stillness, only broken by the breathing of the soft south wind through the leafless branches overhead,

That recal, in a subdited voice;

"'Here hes—
the body of a very beautiful
unknown lady—one of the passengers
on board the ill-fated steamer "Pomerania"
which went ashore near the mouth
of Bizport river, in the great gale of Februar,
28, 1822.
Seventy-one souls were lost.

"'Fleating hair all tangted and torn
Beautiful head faid love on the sand
Pride all out of the arching tips
Life all out of the marble hands—
On herrible, resiless, trentiling sen,

Oh terribie, resiless, trembling sen, How could you leave her alone with death? Classing ther close in a cold embrace And stealing awar the last faint breath? " CHAPTER VIL

"Mr. Allen, our minister, took that verse from a paper, and had it out on the stone—isn't it beautiful!" softly said

"Yes, Indeed," returned Tad, considerably bewildered, "only I don't see what it has to do with you."

"Wait! I am going to tell you all about it," his companion responded. But she sat for a moment or two without speaking, resting her chin in the hollow of her small hand, and her dark eyes looking far off seaward. Throng the hushed stillness, the distant voice very bad, after all. He was only one of those restless, fun-loving boys, who are never so well content as when they are never so well content as when they are in mischief; and neither the protestations of his mother, nor the occasional thrashings administered by the good deason, had any thing more than a merely temporary effect.

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